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1. The problem of continuing the [] case has been the subject of several intensive discussions among the staff here, leading to the conclusion, in which I wholeheartedly concur, that it should be left with [] exclusively if possible. [] is at least sufficiently removed from the scene, which I am not, to keep [] from developing into a millstone around his neck.

2. I have been much impressed by []'s elaboration of the ways in which [] has contrived to make a nuisance of himself, including importunate and indiscreet telephone calls involving any number of minor favors, for which he gives next to nothing in return. There is little evidence in the files of any of the officers who have been involved in the case at one time or another that []'s interest in maintaining contact is based on anything other than self-interest and profit.

3. This is not to say that there may be no contact between [] and me. He knows that I am here and certainly knows something about where I have been. He may get in touch with me at any time by letter or phone. But the initiative must come from him; and if he wants to see me, he will have to come to []. The same applies to []. [] is full of such garden paths and it is hardly likely, and possibly not even desirable, that I avoid them all; but the [] and [] will have to do the walking.

4. I am encouraged in this attitude by reluctance to become overly-identified with Germans in the eyes of our liaison contacts. Both [] and [] know of my previous whereabouts. There is no indication that they take them amiss. But I would not want to give them occasion to feel that these former associations were being too intensively pursued here. It is, after all, still unfashionable to speak German in [] as much so, indeed, that I have found it expedient to temper my German with an occasional lapse into Wienerisch.

5. Thus it was that when I breakfasted with UTILITY on 24 March in Bern that I went prepared to decline the anticipated invitation to accompany him on a tour of his Swiss contacts. As it happened, the subject was not mentioned. Possibly UTILITY was too full of his Paris trip to speak or think of anything

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else. He did not, for instance, even allude to the fact that I had been in the States or behave in any way as though we had not seen each other in almost three months. He just launched right into his Paris adventures, passing on with emphasis and relish Bourgeois's disparagements of the British. I have not reported separately on this conversation, since it developed nothing that UTILITY might not have been expected to report to [] on his return to Pullach.

6. For PULLACH: UTILITY did inform me that MERKER's successor as Chief of 35 will be KALLENBERG, heretofore Chief of UV-H. I assume you have his clear name. If not, I shall forward it upon request. UTILITY indicated, incidentally, that with MERKER's gradual withdrawal from this scene, the activities of 35 will be scaled down, eventually to be absorbed in 40.

eye work! Must watch this closely. There will be many activities that will never be absorbed by H.D. [] -

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